Dehradun-New Delhi Jan Shatabdi Express by-passing Saharanpur has been introduced. 2017/2018 New Delhi-Dehradun Shatabdi Express is the fastest train between New Delhi and Dehradun.

Train between Mumbai and Goa

2479. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Konkan Railway propose to introduce a fast train between Mumbai and Goa, to cover the distance within five to six hours;

(b) if so, whether it is going to be the fastest train in India;

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the main features of the train and its cost; and

(d) the progress made in this direction so far, and by when the services are likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) Introduction of high-speed trains on Indian Railways is an ongoing process. At present, there is no such proposal to introduce a fast train between Mumbai and Goa, which cover the distance in 5 to 6 hours. However, permission of Commissioner of Railway Safety is being sought to conduct speed trials on Madgaon-Roha (excluding) section.

Connecting rail tracks with electric circuits

†2480. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme under consideration to connect rail tracks with electric circuits to make train journey more safe and to prevent accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rail coaches are being modified for this purpose; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.